(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. CSB has requested the State departments to submit proposals under CDP for the current year 2007-08, for considering release of CSB share. The proposals received from the States were discussed during the Apex Monitoring Committee meeting held at Bangalore on 8.2.2008. As the proposals received did not contain some more details, as decided during the said meeting, the States have been requested to furnish the additional details taking into consideration the revised targets, units cost, sharing pattern etc., as approved by the Govt. of India. The revised proposals from the States of Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu are received for release of CSB share during the current year 2007-08. A provision of Rs. 81.01 crores has been earmarked towards implementation of CDP in various States during the current year 2007-08, which includes Rs. 37.45 crores allotted for the North Eastern States.

Plan for revival of sick mills of NTC

197. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills in the country;

(b) the number of sick mills out of the above;

(c) whether Government has any plan to revive these sick mills of NTC; and

(d) if so, the details of such action plan to revive these NTC mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) National Textiles Corporation (NTC) was incorporated in 1968 with the main objective of managing the affairs of 16 sick textile mills taken over by the Government. NTC took over more sick textile mills under 3 Nationlization Acts. (1974, 1986 & 1995), raising its number upto 119 mills in 1995. As per the Rehabilitation Scheme, 2002, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) approved revival of 53 viable mills and closure of 66 unviable mills. 65 unviable mills were closed under the Act. 2 Mills (one viable and one unviable) located in the Union Territory of Puducherry have been transferred to the Government of Puducherry. With this, NTC was left with 117 sick mills, i.e. 52 viable mills and 65 closed mills.

(c) and (d) As per the Modified Rehabilitation Scheme, 2006 approved by BIFR and Group of Ministers (GoM), out of the total 52 mills, 12 mills have been identified for further closure where there was no production activity and most of the employees opted for benefits of Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS). Out of these, 2 mills have been closed, raising the number of closed mills from 65 to 67.

Out of the remaining 40 mills, 22 mills will be modernized by NTC itself by inducting new machineries, rationalization of manpower, capital restructuring etc. Remaining 18 mills will be modernized through Joint Venture route. Private partners to run 5 of these mills have been finalized.

Economic generation through fashion designing and garmet manufacture

198. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a special project entitled "Economic Generation through Fashion Designing and Garment Manufacture" by Women Self Help Groups in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details regarding this scheme and fund pattern;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this project has failed to achieve the objectives; and

(d) if so, the reasons for failure and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development has sanctioned a special project entitled "Economic Generation through Fashion Designing and Garment Manufacture" by Women Self Help Groups in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh in March, 2002 under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarogar Yojana (SGSY). The project is being implemented by the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), East Godavari. The project period was for two years with the objective of providing employment to 27360 families of Swarojgaris in garment designing and manufacture, and to bring them above the poverty line every year by providing them skill up gradation and linking with the banks for asset creation. The total approved cost of Rs. 12 crore is to be shared between the Central & the State in the ratio of 75:25.

(c) and (d) There has been delay in the implementation of the project. Government has undertaken the Concurrent Evaluation of this Project in its third year of implementation through an external & independent agency. Study by this agency has revealed that there has been mixed results. Programme has resulted in the formation of Self Help Groups among the rural poor women and they have a general understanding about the need and importance of Self Help Groups. Members were found to be able to contribute to the household income. The project helped women in becoming self reliant and enhanced their confidence & status in the Society. Government has reviewed the project with the State Government so that the project is completed and targets are achieved.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Accounts (2005-06) of the EPF Organization, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTR OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Accounts of the Employees Provident Fund Organization, New Delhi, for the year 2005-2006, and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8116/08]

Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 203 dated the 6th October, 2007, publishing Corrigendum to Notification G.S.R. 1 dated the 28th December, 2005, so as to, correct the year of publication in the original Notification.

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